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SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 27, 1877. WHO WILL BE PRESIDENT!

The certain passage of the electoral bill re-

gests much inquiry as to who will be inaugurated President under its operations. We do relief, taxes be lightened even to two mills, it not regard the result as at all doubtful. The arbitrators will unquestionably decide that Tilden has been elected. They will give Ore- ties of the country. There is no infamy in gon to Hayes and Louisiana and Florida to this, Dr. Redfield. The creditor and the Filden, in accordance with the vote of a debtor are alike agreed upon the policy of it majority of the people of these three States. The Democratic party having got rid of of an obligation that overshadows the dangerous dogma that the president the industries of the State and of the senate alone had the right to judge threatens increased taxation, and the former of the legality of the returns, there is nothing | because, having purchased the bonds at a to prevent Samuel J. Tilden, the candidate elected by a majority of the people, from without full interest, he prefers to secure an taking his seat as President on the fifth of equivalent for what he gave and a guarantee March next. The thirteen thousand Democratic votes thrown out by the returning board of Louisiana will be counted, as they were is opposed to repudiation, and so is the Democast, for Tilden and Hendricks. The prospect cratic party in Tennessee. The tender of for Tilden's receiving the vote of Flori la compromise by the bondholders, made with a is assured. The decision of the suprame view to prevent repudiation—to which we are court in the case of Drew did not reach the free to admit there has been a strong bearing votes for Presidential electors, though on the part of some, delinquent tax-payers no honest, rational doubt remained that the especially-has been treated by the leg-State, having elected Drew governor, had islature so far with the respect it deserves; also chosen Tilden electors. In the recanvass and despite the repudiationists who care of the votes the canvassing board were com- nothing for the honor and credit of the State pelled, in order to still keep the vote for and its commercial integrity, the creditors Hayes, to reject Tilden votes which they had will, we predict, be treated with fairly and · a cepted in the original count. The legisla- equitably by the adoption of a plan of settleture of Florida passed an act requiring the board of canvassers to make a canvass of the electoral votes in accordance with the decision of the supreme court. This act was signed by Governor Drew, and the count was made, resulting as follows: For the Tilden veloped a slumbering patriotism in the electors, 24,434; for the Hayes electors, 24,- hearts of the American people which will 349, a majority of 94 for the Tilden electors. assert itself in the hour of peril. When In the quo warranto case relating to this such partisans as Edmunds, Conkling and matter the respondents pleaded that the can-vassing board had performed its duty, and and Gordon in warring with Morton, Camhad ajourned without day, and their exis- eron and Sherman, the hearts of the Amerifence had therefore ceased. The complain- can people are no longer filled with doubt, ants demurred to this plea, and the demurdismay and fear for the perpetuity of our inrer was sustained by the court. The votes stitutions. The scenes that have been enacted of the four Tilden electors were cast, and are in the United States senate during the past in Washington in due form. Behind them are | week may be regarded as the dawn of a better the legal governor, the legislature, the su- day. They proclaim that there is still wispreme court of the State (Republican), and dom, prudence and justice in the land. Two 17, 1873. the forms of law, with a known majority of weeks ago the world looked on and mocked ninety-four. What shall hunder the counting the weakness of our institutions; predicted of these votes for Mr. Tilden under any that the fate which had overtaken other re-

and sustained the usurpations and frauds con- garded by the south as extreme Republicosted before the Presidential election to cans, but their repent statesman-like speeches count Hayes elected, regardless of the will of in the senate have done more toward prothe people as expressed at the ballot-box, ducing reconciliation between the estranged openly proclaim that the compromise bill will sections than any speeches delivered in condefeat their programme and elect Tilden. gress since Lamar's celebrated eulogy on Morten, in his speech, bitterly opposed the plan agreed upon by the joint committee, Edmunds and Conkling have labored so upon the ground that it gives the Democrats earnestly and successfully, is intended to an advantage which they would not other- save the country from a dreadful civil war. wise enjoy. He said: "I think I do the in- Had they loved party more than their coun telligence of these distinguished Democratic try, they would have joined Morton, Camsenators but justice when I say that they eron, Blaine and Chandler in the stupendon would not go for this bill except that it gave fraud by which they proposed to inaugurate them a chance for the only thing that can count Mr. Tilden in, and that is to go behind they have been equal to their great opporthe returns. Outside of that he has no tunity, and have been the powerful chamchance, no possible hope, and that these dispions of a patriotic measure intended

away what seemed like a certainty, and what turmoil, deny to the idle millions work, conwith firmness and unity of action might have demn to starvation myriads who cry for been made a certainty, for something that is bread, and prefer national ruin to loss of at best only a toss-up between success and place. failure. If they reject it and it should be lost by their votes, then they will forfeit in some measure their hold upon public opinion by

refusing to submit Governor Hayes's claims to an apparently fair tribunal. They would resist the plan for the inauguration of Hayes against the opposition of the house. They remember with bitterness that ready assent to the resolution for a joint committee offered by a Republican, and sustained by an almost unanimous vote. They themselves helped to construct the machine that has

selves at the beginning of the session to a ed a free and full investigation, so that if it scheme for devising some sort of a compro- were true that there was a violation of the conmise? They answer that they did not believe stitution in ordering troops to the southern that any compromise could be agreed on, and States, to interfere with States elections, the that the only measure of the kind that they house might place in the archives of the govsupposed to be within the limits of possibility ernment its condemnation of those acts. Mr. was a project to submit legal points con- Henry Watterson indersed these views of business. The logs cut up here so far this nected with conflicting returns to the su- Mr. Wood, and did his fellow Democrats the season have been from Tipton county and Republicans would consent to put Governor "session the majority had declined to in-Hayes upon the same footing with Governor Tilden, and make the result depend upon a "to impeach the Presidnt. It had done so single vote in a curiously contrived mixed "at the instance and request of those who co nmission." In view of all these facts, we

J. Tilden was not only fairly elected President of the United States, but that the fact peacefully inaugurated. From the eighth "element) owed him; and it came in exceed- "ern business could all be interrogated, and day of November until now the conspirators "ingly bad grace for the President's defend- "they would state the facts, it would be 320 Main, opp. Peabody Hetel. have been persistently engaged in a dishon- "ers and apologists to oppose, at this late "shown that there is not only a small profit est attempt to defeat the wishes of the peo- "day of the session, a simple, modest and "to be made in the trade, but the losses by

indications of the inauguration of Tilden,

THE STATE DEBT COMPROMISE. So far as we may judge from appearance, the legislature will scale the debt. It is an outrage that all the citizens of the State should be brought into this disgrace, but I fear the debt-paying portion are in a minori-ty. If the holders of the State's obligations can get off without a deeper shave than forty per cent, they may consider themselves fortu-nate. This would reduce the debt about thireen million dollars. The present rate of taxof the infamy of this, when but three or four States in the Union, whether north or south, n debt or out, have a lower tax than four mills. That amount of taxation is insignifi-cant. Nobody feels it unless he is immensely rich, and then, of course, he is proportionate-ly able to pay. A farmer, say with two thousand dollars worth of land, has only to pay eight dollars State tax. With the State ow-ing an honest debt for public buildings and iternal improvements, to think of lowering he rate of trxation below four mills is nothng better than downright repudiation.

The above is an extract from a Chattanooga etter of Redfield, the Cincinnati Commercial's correspondent. It is right in two particulars and wrong in one. The State debt will be compromised, but honorably so, the bondholders being the first to move in the matter. Whether that compromise will be forty or fifty cents remains to be seen-prob ably the latter, which is a "shave," as Redfield calls it, still deeper than the one he laments. The APPEAL regrets that any shave should be thought necessary, deeply regrets that the people do not feel themselves able to pay the whole amount of the State debt, but since "shaving" is the order of the day, the holders of the bonds being themselves among the first to recognize the necessity therefor, ported by the joint committee naturally sug- we are in favor of as large a shave as we possibly can get, so that the State will have ful possible, and the question of finances be shorn of its present importance in the poli--the latter because it relieves him

price far below their value, and so far being of prompt payment of interest and principal hereafter, and no grumbling. The APPEAL and which the people will indorse.

THE DAWN OF A BETTER DAY. "plan?" The howling of the conspirators, publics would be ours. But the danger has who propose to elect Hayes by fraud, indicates that they regard the plan agreed upon strength and stability. While knaves were as sounding the death-knell to their villain- chuckling over the probable success of the ous scheme. Don Cameron, in his speech, villainy by which they proposed to inaugurate said he looked upon it as a Democratic meas- a President, statesmen were found capable ure-a measure in the interest of Tilden, and of lifting themselves above the groveling calculated to elect him President. He would schemes of unscrupulous partisans, and the like to hear from Democratic senators in re- nation rejoices, while in all the great arteries gard to the bill. Morton, Sherman, Logan, of trade and commerce there is joy and glad-Chandler, and every Radical who originated ness. Conkling and Edmunds have been re-

tinguished and eminent lawyers go for a bill to calm the public mind, to show to the world which at the very beginning cuts off and that there is an elasticity in our institutions shuts out their only hope. I must be excused | which enables them to be adapted to danger, for saying that I do not believe it." A spe- to unlock millions of capital now barren for cial dispatch to the New York Tribune says: | want of use, to thaw the ice-shroud which The Republican opponents of the compro- binds industry in its frigid embrace, and not mise bill are dejected and distressed at the intended, as is falsely averred, either to change it has already effected in the position of their party. Instead of having the upper powers for the purpose of delegating them hand in the struggle for the Presidency, they to others. They who oppose it, through teel that they are at a disadvantage. If they selfish love of place and power, advocate a accept the proposed settlement they throw continuance of the public distress, thirst for

THE "EX-CONFEDS." In the house of representatives, a few days ago, when Grant's message, explanatory of the employment of troops at the in such a case find that they had put new south, was received, Fernando Wood, of weapons into the hands of the Democrats to New York, offered a resolution "that the message be referred to a select committee "of eleven, to inquire whether there had been an exercise of authority not warranted by the constitution and laws, in the use of troops, for which the President is justly responsible, with power to send for persons "and papers." Mr. Wood, supporting this worked a result so hateful to them. Why did resolution, disclaimed any intention of disrethey make the mistake of committing them- spect to the executive, and said he only want-'quire even as to whether it was possible there's millions in it." can only repeat the conviction which the Ar- "They had objected to impeaching President for the southern trade, and threatened to PEAL has uniformly expressed, that Samuel "Grant, not because they thought him unim- wipe Memphis out, long before the repudiwill be clearly established, and that he will be "to what had been called the Confederate "chants of St. Louis who do a large south-

come desperate. We congratulate the cussion on the resolution, which was adopted. "the result of any greater indisposition on Democracy of the country on the favorable We are glad that Mr. Watterson found an "the part of southern planters to pay occasion so pertinent to justify the ex-Confederate element in congress, and that he embraced and made use of it in so plain, sensible and just a way.

THE LOUISIANA RETURNING

The New York Herald's Washington coration (four mills) will easily pay interest on this and administer the government. But there is a pressure in the legislature for decreased taxation. It is even proposed to make the tax lower than four mills. Think work and make its figures fidd up. The law, with which congress has no right to interfere, actually casts the vote of Louisiana, and that the vote is precisely what the board declares it to be. To this the Democratic reply is that when such extraordinary powers are granted, they must be construed strictly, and that if the returning board is to declare the vote of the State it must at least be lawfully constituted. The law requires that the board shall consist of five members, chosen from all parties; in fact, the board consisted of but four members, all Republicans, who afford to have a Democrat privy to the work | the collection of the tax not enforceable. of their secret sessions, the mystery of which they have so jealously guarded. It is probable that every section of the law constituting the board and defining its powers will be taken up in turn, and facts will be brought up to show in what manner the board violated the very law of its existence. Such an examination is likely to be damaging.

MORTON'S SHAMELESS SOMER-SAULT.

One good result of the introduction and passage by the senate of the plan to regulate the counting of the electoral vote, is that it will, in all likelihood, ruin both Sherman and Morton, the latter especially. No man in either house had made so complete a record o decide as Morton. He was directly and specifically committed to the objects of the bill, at a time when he conceived it to be policy so to be, but with the effrontery, bolds, and shock that has always been characristic of him, did not heatture to stultify himself when he thought the occasion remired. Mr. Morton, it will be remembered by our readers, in his speech on Tuesday, declared that the president of the senate alone has the right to count the votes for President and Vice-President, and without any let or hindrance of either house, they being present merely as spectators without power or authority in the premises; and yet only a brief year or more since he put himself on the

record as follows: Upon the hypothesis that the president of the senate has the power to open and count the electoral votes, and that the two houses ave no jurisdiction over the subject, either | # : jointly or se arately, everybody must per-ceive that it is a vast and dangerous power to repose in the hands of one man, especially when he may be ardently devoted to the fortunes of a great party, or when he may be personally interested, sitting as a judge in his own case.—January 17, 1873.

In 1801, when Mr. Jefferson, as president turned out to be a tie vote, and had there een a question or contest in regard to a single vote, such as exits to-day in regard to several, he might have decided himself elected, and the nation would have been with out redress. Such a temptation, springing lion-like upon a man of less patriotism and weaker virtue, backed by a great party in a season of high excitement, might have proved fatal to the peace of the nation.—January

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Will the senator allow me to call his attention to the fact that if this matter is to be left entirely to the president of the senate it inludes the power to disfranchise a State where there is only one return, because of an imper-fection in the return? He may say that the return does not show that the electors voted ballot, and in his judgment that should ject the return from a State; but that rern would not be rejected under this bill unss both houses concurred in saying that it could be rejected; or where there were two cturns he might decide which was the proper e.—March 21, 1876.

As the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a Reublican organ, hitherto favorable and friendly to Morton, says of this shameless somerault, "If the president of the senate has the right to count the votes, he has it by direct authority of the constitution; and if so, Mr. Morton has for the past twenty years been setting aside the constitution by authority of a joint rule of congress. A statesman who has shown so little respect for the constitution is, on his own showing, a very poor guide in questions of constitutional interpretation.

THE WHOLE HOG

The probability appears to be that ou armers will have "to go the whole hog" t an extent that has hitherto scarcely been conemplated. Wheever grows corn-and no planter of discretion fails to do so-finds imself with a surplus when he harvests. This is necessarily the case average seasons ecause there must be sufficient corn planted to prevent want in case the crop shall turn nt less than an average one. What to do with this surplus the farmer finds to be a puzzling problem. At this moment this mar ket has a surfeit of corn, and choice white shelled can be bought for fifty-two cents a bushel, probably it will go down to forty cents. What the farmer should do to pre vent having to sell at these rates-which de not pay him for growing-is to feed his surplus corn to hogs. The demand for hogs is growing in this city, and will be much larger next season for the reason that several firms are beginning to pack on their own account Memphis kettle-rendered lard, Memphis drysalted meats, and Memphis cured bacon are already to be had in our stores. We know of one house that has packed one thousand five undred hogs up to this time, as a mere addition to their regular business. Three or four times as many hogs would have been thus disposed of had the firm been prepared to enter more largely into the trade. We hear that one of the wealthiest houses in the city is preparing to pack largely next season. and to steam-render lard, so that Memphis will sell the produce of the country around it, instead of that purchased at Chicago, Cincinnati or St. Louis. This will be an important addition to our winter trade, and farmers will do well to consider whether they will send their corn to market, shell it, and sack it, and then sell it for forty cents a bushel, or whether they will turn it into hog. and so introduce a prospering and a paying

THEY are acknowledging the corn-those "were described as the Confederate element. St. Louis merchants who drummed so eagerly peachable, but simply because they wanted ationists dreamed of it. The Republican. to pay him the debt which they (referring | speaking for them, says that "if the mer"their debts than is usual in other commu nities, but rather to the misfortunes of

THE St. Louis Republican, strongly indorsing the bondholders, movement for the relief of the people of the south, reminds us that | BE IT KNOWN: when the State of Georgia came into the espondent says it is not there believed that | hands of the people about eight million dolthe papers of the Louisiana returning board lars of fraudulent bonds, negotiated by Bulwill throw much light on the secret proceed- lock through the New York house of Clews ings of the board on manipulating the vote. & Co., were disowned. The remainder of the From the time these papers were demanded debt was acknowledged, and the bonds repthe board had opportunity to straighten its resenting this acknowledged debt are now quoted above par, the six per cents, at ninety-Louisiana report will, however, show, aside | five, and the seven per cents, at one hundred from these papers, that parishes were thrown and six and a half. This shows, adds the out without warrant of law, and that the Republican, that the real credit of Georgia board in various ways violated the law under stands well on the stock exchange, even while which it acted. The Republicans claim that the fraudulent obligations contracted by its the returning board, acting under a State former Radical government have been vir tually repudiated.

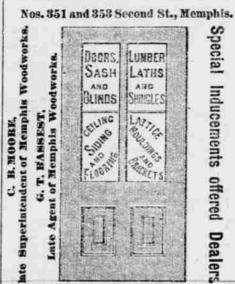
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refused constantly to allow a Democrat to fill | Ludlow's heirs," or to "Israel Ludlow's esthe vacancy, evidently because they could not tate," is insufficient, the assessment void, and

> THE Nashville American says that some stories having been circulated to the effect that Hon. Abram S. Hewitt was showing signs of weakness in the cause of Tilden, a gentleman wrote to him for the facts, and received for answer from Mr. Hewitt the following: "The reports you refer to in regard to my utterances are not true. I believe 'that Tilden and Hendricks are elected, will be so declared, and will be duly inaugu-'rated. You are authorized to say that all reports which attribute any weakening in my convictions are false."

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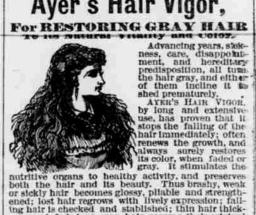
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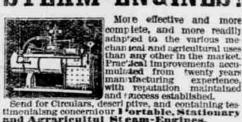
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